

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 891

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator William E. "Bill" Brock for laudable service to the people of Tennessee and the United States.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such praiseworthy person is Senator William E. "Bill" Brock, who has established himself as an accomplished Tennessean through his exemplary work in public service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, Senator Bill Brock was elected to the United States Congress in 1962; he served four terms as a member of Congress from Tennessee's Third District from 1963 to 1971 and one term in the United States Senate from 1971 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Senate, he chaired the Republican National Committee from 1977 to 1981, and, upon the election of Ronald Reagan, Senator Brock was appointed U.S. Trade Representative, in which position he served until 1985, when he was made Secretary of Labor; and

WHEREAS, one of the founders of the National Endowment for Democracy, Senator Brock was recognized by the *Wall Street Journal* as one of the chief architects of the World Trade Organization; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the National Academy of Human Resources awarded Senator Brock its highest tribute for outstanding life achievement in advancing human development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brock received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from Washington and Lee University, before serving his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge from the military, Senator Brock became the vice president of Brock Candy Company in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, founder and chairman of Brock Offices, a firm specializing in international trade, investment, and human resources, Senator Brock is a counselor and trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Senator Bill Brock for his unswerving dedication to the people of the State of Tennessee and the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator William E. "Bill" Brock for his meritorious and outstanding service to the State of Tennessee and commend him for his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.